

HITCHCOCK ATTACK PLANNED IN SENATE

Speakers Will Allege Homestead Laws Drive Out Emigrants.

Whole Development of the West Is Said to Be at Stake in Issue.

Charging that the administration of the homestead laws of this country is driving American homesteaders out of the United States, and that Canada is getting the very cream of emigrants from the middle Western States, while the far Western States are getting very few, the Western Senators are opening a campaign against the Hitchcock administration of the public domain.

Senator Carter of Montana will open the series of speeches on Tuesday which will occupy several days. In fact, it is expected that very little will be done in the Senate the coming week aside from discussion of this subject. Among Senators who will talk on the subject are: Carter of Montana, Clark of Wyoming, Heyburn of Idaho, Flint and Perkins of California, Long of Kansas, and probably as many others, whose States are deeply interested in this question.

Much at Stake in West.

Senator Carter declares that the whole development of the West is at stake; that people who would like to locate in the United States are going by preference to Canada, where instead of five years of uninterrupted residence, as required in this country, there is required only three years of residence, and during that period only six months in each year; and where, furthermore, a homesteader may secure patent if he lives on nearly land which he owns rather than on the homestead itself. Between these easy conditions and the efforts of the Canadian land-grant railways, which are making the most inviting terms to induce Americans to settle in Canada, the situation has been reached where more Americans are taking homesteads in Canada than in the United States.

But this is not all of the grievance of the Western States. It is charged further that the administration of the forest reserve law has resulted in creating huge areas of forest reserves which are withdrawn from settlement and development, with the result that in effect the available areas of the States are reduced to this extent. The States cannot grow when large proportions of their lands are held out from possibility of development of this fashion.

"They have withdrawn 15,000,000 acres of coal lands in my State," said Senator Carter, "and the Geological Survey, I understand, has declared that in time about 5,000,000 square miles in the State will have to be reserved as coal lands. Add to that the forest reserves and Indian reservations, and we are in sight of the time when more than one-half of the area of that great State will not be available for settlement and development. That presents a mighty serious situation for a great Western community which must develop, if at all, through immigration."

Senator Carter and the others who will follow him in the discussion of this question propose to show further that there has been no such saturation of fraud and crime under the land laws as has been charged. They will attack the Land Office and the Interior Department, with the charge that since 1900 there has been spent \$2,000,000 for the service of following up, detecting, uncovering, and prosecuting frauds against the land laws, and one-third of 1 per cent of homestead entries have been vacated.

Will Show Frauds Small.

They will take up the operations of the timber and stone act, under which it has been alleged that wholesale frauds have been committed, and will undertake to show that instead of reeking and festering with corruption, the operations of that law have developed a remarkably small proportion of fraud and crime.

The Senators take the position that when the President issued his executive orders suspending proceedings toward titles to public lands, and withdrawing immense areas of country, he was acting merely on the advice of his Secretary of the Interior, who misled him. The attack will be aimed at Secretary Hitchcock and his administration, and there will be some startling statements in the course of the discussion.

Evelyn's Life Story Must Save or Slay Man She Enchanted

Harry Thaw's Only Hope Is Her Recital on Witness Stand.

One-Time Charmer of Men Is Now a Lonely, Trembling Shadow.

By DOROTHY DIX.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Is pure hysteria about to wreck the carefully laid plans of the Thaw defense?

Have overstrained nerves, stretched for months to the breaking point, snapped under the tension of the long, exhausting hours in the court room, and have Thaw's wife and mother and sisters, in the privacy of their apartments at the Lorraine, said things which are not to be forgiven, and which seriously menace the welfare of the prisoner?

There were persistent rumors all about the court yesterday that something of the kind had occurred, nor would it be surprising if such were the case. "In vino veritas," says the old proverb, and if it is true that men in wine speak what they think, it is equally true that women do so in hysteria. Many a woman under the stress of nerves blurts out the thing that she has resolved a thousand times over not to say—the things that prudence, discretion, and every dictate of reason bids her keep silent about.

Certainly it seemed to the onlookers in the court that there was a most decided coolness between Harry Thaw's wife and family, and that Evelyn budied rather pathetically under the wing of her chorus girl chum, May MacKenzie.

The Cut Direct.

The two groups of women entered the room separately. Evelyn and her friend a full half hour before the arrival of Mrs. Thaw and Mrs. Carnegie, and although all four of them sat in the row of seats reserved for them, behind the prisoner and his counsel, they scarcely spoke throughout the entire day. When the elder woman and her daughter arrived they merely gave Evelyn a curt nod by way of greeting, and she shrank back almost as if she had been struck. In good truth, a more pitiful figure than the little chorus girl and artist's model could scarcely be imagined. Gone was even the bravado of cheerfulness and nonchalance she had been trying so vainly to keep up for the past two days. She came into court looking like a flower that has been beaten down into the ground and despoiled of its beauty by a storm. Her face showed pale and wan, under the black veil in which she had tried to shroud it. She had seemed sad and miserable before. She appeared absolutely crushed, and as if there was no spirit left in her.

Deserted Both Ways.

Her position is, indeed, a forlorn one. Deserted by her own family in her hour of need, neglected by her mother—her mother who did not scruple to share her loaves and fishes when the girl was one of the petted darlings of the footlights and the studio—and openly antagonized by her brother; if her husband's family turn from her, she will stand practically alone. And she is not fitted for standing alone. She is frail, as much created to depend on some one else as the mistletoe is to live upon the oak. She was born to be taken care of, to be loved and petted, and have some one else smooth her pathway in life. Her helplessness is as appealing as a little child's, and now that her brief hour of sunshine is over and she flutters about, frightened, with broken and dragged wings, one forgets all of her

Evelyn Nesbit Today.

She is not one of the women, strong in mind and body and intrepid of soul, that nature designed to fight their own battles.

folies and her sins, and feels for her only a vast compassion. Poor little butterfly, broken on the wheel of fate! It is easy enough, though, to understand why the Thaw women might entertain a certain bitterness toward her. No doubt they blame her mostly, if not altogether, for this tragedy, for it is not in women to be just where the man they love and another woman are concerned. They bitterly opposed Harry's marrying the little chorus girl, and now when it has all turned out so much more tragical than their worst fears foreshadowed, they would be more than feminine if they should resist visiting her some blame for the agony they are enduring.

Yet, when all is said, she is the one on whom they must depend to save their son and brother. It is Evelyn's story that is going to count before the jury. Neither the clever strategy of Mr. Hart-ridge, the cat-like watchfulness of Mr. Gleason, the shrewdness and knowledge of men and of jurors of Dan O'Reilly, nor the impassioned eloquence of Mr. Delmar, will have a tithe of the effect that will a few halting sentences in which Evelyn Nesbit will tell whether or not Harry Thaw had justifications for shooting Stanford White down like a dog.

The supreme sacrifice and the supreme courage of the case are required of this little trembling woman. Harry Thaw killed the man he hated, and whom he declared had wronged him, when his brain was on fire with anger and his heart hot with revenge, when there was the clash of music in his ears, and light and excitement that make action easy, all about him.

Must Reveal Her Shame.

In the still, cold, dead silence of the court room Evelyn Nesbit must do that which requires infinitely more bravery and nerve. She must draw the veil from her past life and tell that of herself which must blister a woman's tongue to utter. The follies that seemed so little and so excusable in the happening, the yieldings that appeared so justified at the time, the temptations that looked so irresistible—all the mad, fast paces of the merry-go-round that gives one no time to think, or stop, or escape—how different the doing from the telling of it all. Yet this terrible ordeal is Evelyn Thaw to go through to try to save her husband's life, and we will pity her in thinking of it.

The elder Mrs. Thaw, though still shaken and weak looking from her illness, came early into court, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Carnegie. Both of the women were dressed in the same dark, unpretentious, inconspicuous street gowns that they have worn during the previous days of the trial and had on veils which they removed.

Demeanor of Mother.

Throughout the day Mrs. Thaw sat with her sweet mother face and yearning mother eyes turned mostly upon her son. Once or twice she raised her handkerchief to her face as if to brush away a tear, but she was very quiet, and seemed to take a keen and intelligent interest in every question propounded to the witnesses.

Mrs. Carnegie always sits in the same position, her veil thrown carelessly back from over her hat, her body bent forward, her face thin, worn, unutterably sad looking, her gaze riveted upon the lawyers with an attention that seems almost hypnotic.

The Countess of Yarmouth did not attend the trial, but Joseph Thaw and Edward Thaw were present, making a faithful guard of the Thaw family about the prisoner.

To Harry Thaw the horror of the situation is wearing off. He is beginning to feel more at his ease, at the head of the little table. He talks more

HEALTH OFFICER SEES DANGER FROM CONTAGIOUS DISEASES; URGES PASSAGE OF BILL

Dr. Woodward Finds Present Law for Handling These Diseases Would Be Inadequate in Case Chicago Conditions Were Found Here.

For the protection of the public health, and having in mind the awful plight of Chicago, where over 6,000 cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria developed an epidemic which the health department of that city seems to be unable to check, Dr. William C. Woodward, of the District Health Department, yesterday addressed a letter to the Commissioners, calling attention to House bill 16888, now pending in the Senate, and which passed the House last June, providing ways and means for the prevention of scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, chicken-pox epidemic, cerebro-meningitis, and typhoid fever in the District, asking the Commissioners to use every possible means to have the bill passed at the present session of Congress.

Dr. Woodward says that under present law the only diseases covered are typhoid fever, scarlet fever, and diphtheria, except in so far as they relate to school attendance and in hospitals; that the law for handling and regulating these diseases is inadequate and would be entirely insufficient to handle conditions should they exist here similar to those reported to be now existing in Chicago.

In concluding his communication, Dr. Woodward says: "If Congress adjourn without action by the Senate on the act named above, the entire subject will necessarily lie dormant until the next session of Congress, notwithstanding any condition whatsoever that may arise, and then the entire process of procuring this legislation must be begun again."

The Commissioners expressed their purpose to take this matter up the first thing Monday as emergency legislation. Dr. Woodward says that under present law the only diseases covered are typhoid fever, scarlet fever, and diphtheria, except in so far as they relate to school attendance and in hospitals; that the law for handling and regulating these diseases is inadequate and would be entirely insufficient to handle conditions should they exist here similar to those reported to be now existing in Chicago.

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At every turn Mr. Jerome makes it clear that he is cast down the gauntlet and that it will be a fight to the death. Every taleman is interrogated exhaustively about his willingness to inflict capital punishment should this prisoner at the bar be proved guilty of wilful murder, and questioned as to his acceptance of the law's narrow and hard definition of insanity. The defendant, of what the defense is to be, no linking has been given out. Probably it will be emotional mainly. In reality it will be most likely the justification of a man to project his own. And the strength of the defense or the weakness of it depends upon the story of Evelyn Nesbit.

His skin is very swarthy; his hair very straight, his cheek bones very high and prominent, so high and so prominent that they make his eyes seem beady-like. His eyes, too, have the quiet, furtive, stealthy glance of an Indian, and his figure bears out the resemblance in its tall, thin slenderness and quickness of movement. Perhaps the likeness to the primitive man goes still further, and had something to do with the way in

TWO AGED SENATE FIGURES ARE ILL

Morgan and Pugh, Alabama-ians and Octogenarians, Victims of Grip.

Two of Alabama's famous trio of octogenarian Senators have been very ill the past week and neither of them is yet by any means recovered. These three men represent a total of 250 years of very active life, or over eighty-five years each.

The eldest of the three is former Senator James L. Pugh, now a resident of Washington. He is eighty-seven. Next comes Senator Pettus, eighty-five, and decidedly younger than either is John Tyler Morgan, a sprightly young chap, who will not be eighty-three for several months yet.

Senator Pugh was predecessor of Senator Pettus, and served as Morgan's colleague from 1880 to 1887. He is a well-known figure in Washington, and until quite recently has enjoyed excellent health. About three weeks ago he was taken down with grip, and for a time his condition was critical, his heart being much weakened by the attack. He is now much improved.

Senator Morgan's illness has been quite similar. His health has not been by any means robust for a long time, and when he was overcome with the grip he retired to his home, and his friends have felt concern about him until within the last two or three days. He is now improving at an encouraging rate.

Meanwhile Senator Pettus attends Senatorial sessions daily. He is physically much the most robust of the three veterans.

SNATCHED FROM THE BURNING.

Two brothers named Brand have been convicted of arson at Trenton—Philadelphia Ledger.

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January Clearance Sale

Here's a sale worth while—a sale with a reason and an object—a sale with a method and a meaning. The reason is clearance and the object is clearance. The method is price-cutting—and the meaning, to you, is saving.

Now's the time we deal in foresight and forehandedness. We begin to prepare for the spring—to force out winter goods—to clean up broken lines, remnants, and oddments—to move surpluses—to turn goods into cash. This is clearance. And how do we do it? Simple—very simple. Just by applying the old, old method—price reducing in a big-hearted, generous manner. By giving bargains better and greater than at any other time. Every department is represented in this upheaval of values and downfall of prices. Everything in the store is priced for YOUR benefit.

Tomorrow this sale begins—it will open with a rush. Don't miss the first day—come in the morning.

Women's Tailored Suits, Prices Shattered

Only fragmentary figures remain—showing the wide gap between the regular way of marking and the January Clearance Price. These suits are too good to miss—prices too small to overlook.

Fancy Mixture Suits

Fancy Mixture Suits—\$13.50 Suits now.....	\$5.90	Fancy Mixture Suits—\$27.50 Suits now.....	\$11.90
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Fancy Mixture Suits—\$19.50 Suits now.....	\$7.90	Fancy Mixture Suits—\$32.50 Suits now.....	\$13.90
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Fancy Mixture Suits—\$22.50 Suits now.....	\$9.90	Fancy Mixture Suits—\$37.50 Suits now.....	\$15.90
Fancy Mixture Suits—\$25.00 Suits now.....	\$10.90	Fancy Mixture Suits—\$39.50 Suits now.....	\$16.90

Children's Coats

Of Colored Kersey Cloth; sizes 6 to 14 years. Were \$10.00 and \$11.50. Now.....	\$4.90
Of Colored Kersey Cloth; sizes 6 to 12 years. Were \$12.50. Now.....	\$5.90
Of Fancy Mixture Cloth; sizes 6 to 14 years. Were \$4.98 to \$7.98. Now.....	\$3.45
Of Fancy Mixture Cloth; sizes 6 to 14 years. Were \$9.85 to \$12.50. Now.....	\$4.95

Women's Walking Skirts

Of black wool and fancy mixtures. Were \$4.98. Now.....	\$1.95
Some plaids and blue and brown mixtures. Were \$16.50 and \$17.50. Now.....	\$5.97
Black All-wool Panama and Serge Skirts. Were \$5.68 and \$5.98. All lengths; waist measurements 28 to 36.....	\$3.65

Price Tags Are Altered During This January Sale of Dress Goods.

Bewildering, indeed, are the changes wrought by the price-cutter during this yearly clean up.

89c Cream Serge Reduced to 69c	50c and 60c Batiste and Nun's Veiling Reduced to 39c	39c Half-wool Challies Reduced to 18c
46 and 50-inch All-wool Cream Storm Serge; both wiry and soft finish. Worth 89c. Reduced to.....	36, 39, and 42-inch All-wool Batiste and Nun's Veiling, in cream, light blue, Alice, red, green, marine, navy, brown, reseda, tan, mode, helio, &c. Worth up to 60c. Yard.....	Just 247 yards of these Navy Blue Challies, with satin stripes and white dots. While they last you can buy them at, per yard,.....
69c	39c	18c
50-inch Mixed Suiting, 49c	All-wool Venetian, 75c	Black Goods, 49c
All-wool Mixed Suitings in gray, blue, tan, and green effect; 88c value. Clearance price.....	All-wool Venetian Cloth, 52 inches wide, and worth 88c. Large variety of shades and black. Clearance price.....	All-wool Black Dress Goods, in serges, Panamas, chevot, batiste, henriettes, albatross, and many other desirable weaves; 38 to 44 inches wide. Former prices up to 69c. Clearance price.....
49c	75c	49c
56-inch Imported Broad-cloth, \$2.19	Tourist Cloth, \$1.69	50-inch Black Wool Taffeta, 79c
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